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MOHAVE COUNTY NEEDS MONEY TO BUILD MORE ROADS

During the past two months Mohave county has been awakened more to the necessity of good roads, because of the heavy storms that impeded travel and in some places made it almost impossible. It will be noted that the roads that have been provided with drainage had no washouts, but those that were built without means of carrying off the flood waters were almost totally destroyed. Mohave county roads, especially those receiving the attention of the engineer's office the past year, were not injured, but the roads that were built without regard to engineering practices were either guted or washed so full of sand and silt that they were almost impassable. Take the roads over Gold Road mountain and it will be noted that there was not a dent put in it, but the single track affairs were looking like canals from the first heavy rains. What Mohave county needs is several hundred thousands of dollars for immediate road work. The large calls made on the county last year for "flu" and the heavy upkeep of roads during the past winter depleted the road treasury to a point where it is impossible to carry on the necessary work of the road department.

HERE ON BUSINESS

F. L. Haworth, U. S. court commissioner at Prescott and a well known legal light of the Yavapai county bar, was a visitor to Kingman yesterday on business connected with the next session of the U. S. court, which meets in Prescott next Monday.

KINGMAN SHOULD HAVE FIRE PROTECTION

Last Friday evening a meeting of the taxpayers and business men of Kingman was held in the directors' room of the Arizona Central Bank at which meeting the matter of fire protection for Kingman was taken up. At the last session of the Arizona legislature a law was enacted that provided for the organization of fire companies in unincorporated towns of the state, but requiring that before action be taken at least a majority of the property taxpayers of the town sign a petition to the board of supervisors for the calling of an election to vote on and confirm the proposition. A committee consisting of J. H. Smith as chairman and six other business men were appointed to obtain the signatures of the taxpayers and this committee is now at work.

Kingman needs fire protection badly. It is now paying a high rate of insurance because of lack of this protection and the rate will continue until such times as the people arouse themselves to the necessity of safeguarding their property against fire. Those who carry insurance are paying double the premiums that will be charged them if the necessary fire fighting apparatus is purchased and a fire company organized to take charge of the work. Kingman is possibly the only town of its size in the United States that has no protection whatever against the ravages of fire. The cost of the original installation will be light compared with the advantages it will bring. The fire department will be volunteer, that feature of the fire fighting not costing the people a cent. The upkeep of the apparatus will cost only a small amount of money yearly, and the law provides just how much money may be raised for all purposes. This law states that not more than seven or less than three mills on the \$100 of property shall be levied. This levy and collection is made without expense to the taxpayers, the work being done by the assessor's office. Just think of the protection that will be afforded and the assurance that each will have from a well organized, well equipped fire company, and then also take into consideration the saving in your insurance costs. If you are taxed at say seven mills on the \$100 and save two dollars on the \$100 you surely are making some saving. At the present time business men are paying in excess of \$4 on the \$100 of their insurance, fifty per cent of which could be saved by fire protection. Get in and help the good cause along.

ALTA CLACK MARRIED IN LOS ANGELES THE 7TH

Alta May Clack was married to F. W. McLennon at Los Angeles August 7. The wedding came as a surprise to Miss Clack's many friends here. The ceremony was performed at the Van Nuys Hotel, only a few friends from Globe and Miss Clack's sister, Mrs. W. L. Robinson being present. Miss Clack is a daughter of Mrs. L. D. Clack of Kingman and Mr. McLennon is manager of the Miami Copper Company, at Miami, Arizona. They will spend a short wedding trip to Lake Tahoe after which they will go to Miami where they will make their home.

NO BASEBALL GAME HERE TO-MORROW

Last Sunday the game ended Kingman 9, Oatman 4. This was one of the best games that has been on the local diamond this year, very few errors being made and good playing marking the game throughout. George Grantham and Bill Bonelli were in the Kingman line-up again and performed in good shape. Grantham has evidently not lost his batting eye. No game will be played here to-morrow.

MINING EDITION OF MINER NOW ON SALE

The Miner's Special Mining Edition is being issued today as a supplement to the regular issue. As to its merit we will leave others to judge but we do feel that it will do a great deal for the mining industry of Mohave County. Its effect should be felt the next year or so, and if history repeats itself, this edition will be in demand for several months to come. We have issued ten thousand copies, enough to reach the mining public of the United States and acquaint them with the vast mineral resources of this county.

Citizens of Mohave County will be glad, we believe to send a copy of this issue to their friends. For the convenience of our patrons we are wrapping single copies in specially printed wrappers, ready for the address and a stamp to be affixed. A three cent stamp is required to send this edition through the mail. The Special Edition may be bought at the Miner's office or at Newsstands at 25 cents per copy, though it may be two or three days yet before the newsstands which will handle the edition are supplied.

PLAN CELEBRATION KINGMAN LABOR DAY

Inasmuch as Oatman will undoubtedly not have a celebration on Labor Day on account of the unsettled conditions over there, Kingman is planning to fill in the gap and have a celebration at which all the people of the county are invited. There will be broncho busting, roping, boxing contests, and other features. The band from the Fort Mohave Indian School may be secured as a big dance is planned to top things off in the evening.

Details will be worked out at a meeting of Kingman citizens Monday.

ORDERS TAKEN BY POSTMASTER

The local Post-office is taking orders today from those who wish to make purchases of food stuffs from the War Department. All who are interested are advised to see Assistant Postmaster Taylor.

The smallest amount that may be ordered is a case lot and it runs from that to carload lots. The way the order from El Paso reads is that orders will be received prior to July 18, indicating that possibly orders might be telegraphed in by the Postmaster up to Monday.

M. B. Dudley left Wednesday for a short trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco. He will return here before starting for New York.

OATMAN MINES ARE CLOSED PENDING CLEARING OF LABOR SITUATION THERE

The past week has been a tense one not only in Oatman, but in Kingman, where the importance of Oatman operations is largely felt. The fact that many miners were passing through the town on their way to other mining camps indicated the belief that the big gold camp was sure of shutting down, at least for a month or more. The demands of the miners was for a fifty cent raise and that muckers be allowed the same wage as the miners. While this feature of the demand might have been readily met there were other angles of the labor conditions that operators were considering and which appeared to be the weightier. I. W. Wism was one of the things that made a settlement of the demands impossible. Open shop was one of the things that the companies required, although it is doubtful if the Federation could handle the situation that this would have entered largely into a settlement. The Federation should control the labor situation in the camp and it is now squarely up to them to see that there shall be no discontented element to deal with. Labor is a necessity, but labor and capital should go hand in hand to bring success to any venture.

Oatman has been up against many things. During the war it was the high cost of material with no relieving element, as in the case of all the other metals. Gold was worth but a fraction more than \$20 per ounce, and if the mine owner made a profit on the extraction of the metal he was again assessed on excess profits and other governmental charges until he had to scratch to meet them. In 1917 the United Eastern paid excess profits to the amount of \$166,000. This tax was taken from the depleting stores of ore in the mine. It was this feature that made the demands of labor drastic, although it was recognized on the other hand that the laborers here had to stand the high costs of living the same as those who labored in the copper camps, where copper producers were getting unusually high prices for their product. This high wage was met and the still higher cost will also be met if properly safeguarded. The fact that the cost of living has been gradually on the increase, enters largely into the controversy between mine owner and laborer.

BOXING CONTEST WELL CONDUCTED

Goodwin and Ross earned decisions in the boxing contests of last Saturday night, and incidentally added to their followers the biggest house ever brought out in Kingman for a boxing match.

Goodwin and Cook traveled ten fast rounds and as expected were the head liners of the evening. Newton had a slight lead on his lanky opponent all the way and at no time was he in danger. Cook showed more endurance than was generally supposed he possessed but failed to box with the sureness and decision that he exhibited in his last bout here. Cook is entitled to a return bout or a chance with other contenders notwithstanding his inability to beat Goodwin. Another bout may bring other results.

Smiling Bill Amond wrenched his thumb early in his session with Bobby Ross and made a desperate effort to overcome the handicap but was finally compelled to give it up. Amond started a fusillade of blows with the tap of the gong for the first round that caused the husky engineer considerable annoyance not to say anxiety. Ross covered up well and considered the matter for some few seconds, but finally ventured forth and won easily from then on. Given a little luck the Pride of the Hard Rock Miners would be a hard man to stop.

Gerald Simpson, with the assistance of Mr. Lucas gave an exhibition of close up defense work that brought a good hand from the house. He fully demonstrated that a man may venture forth minus his gun and still be well protected provided he knows some jujitsu holds and considerable in the art of neck breaking and leg smashing. These are all tricks taught the Dough Boy for his defense when all weapons are gone and are not recommended for the ordinary parlor variety of wrestling.

The show was well conducted and went through without accident to mar the evening. Cook and Swindle deserve credit for running a boxing contest of this kind.

CIVIL SERVICE OPEN TO DISCHARGED SOLDIER

Under an opinion of the Attorney General recently rendered to the Civil Service Commission, United soldiers, sailors, and marines who missed opportunity to enter civil service examinations because of their military or naval service may now be given a chance to qualify for Government employment.

The Civil Service Commission, wishing to give discharged service men every opportunity to qualify for civil positions, asked the Attorney General for an opinion as to whether it would be legal to open, for the benefit of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines, examinations which had been closed. The Attorney General having expressed the opinion that such action is legal in view of the spirit of a recent act of Congress which provides for preference in appointment to civil positions for discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines, the Civil Service Commission will open only to honorably discharged service men examinations which were pending on April 6, 1917, the date of America's declaration of war, or which were subsequently announced, and for which registers of eligibles now exist.

Sixty days from August 1, 1919, will be allowed soldiers, sailors, and marines in which to be examined for positions for which examinations have already been held if they were discharged from the military or naval service prior to August 1, and sixty days from the date of their discharge will be allowed those discharged subsequent to August 1, 1919.

SIGN WRITER HERE

G. E. Bonell, an expert sign writer from Chicago, has been busy the past week putting attractive signs in gold on the windows of the principal business places in town. Mr. Bonell is with P. X. Jackson, who is confining his work to automobile painting just now. The work of these men is good in every way.

HUMBOLDT SMELTER 'ORE BUYERS HERE

William DeCamp and F. A. Otts, representing the Consolidated Arizona Smelter at Humboldt, were in Kingman yesterday after a trip through the mining sections. The men are looking into the possibility of ore purchases in the county. They left here yesterday on their way to Danby, California, where they will look over a shipping property with a view to purchasing the ores. The Humboldt smelter is one of the large plants of the state, the company having mining properties of its own that fills in nicely with ore purchases from other sections.

BIG DANCE TONIGHT BY AMERICAN LEGION

The Swastika Post of the American Legion is giving a dance tonight at the Odd Fellows Hall. They say this dance will be the liveliest affair of the season with lots of good music. The post was recently organized and the boys are taking this means of raising money to meet their expenses and pay some indebtedness already incurred, thus serving two purposes—giving the people a good time and raising some money too. You are invited to come out and have a good time.

FIRE MONDAY NIGHT NEAR DISASTEROUS

Kingman had a narrow escape this week from a big fire in the business district when a fire broke out in Doctor Stark's office in the Citizens Bank Building. It was put out by quick use of fire extinguishers. As there was a good breeze blowing, the fire might easily have spread had it gotten underway. Doctor Stark was not in the office at the time the fire broke out and does not know the cause, but it is thought to have been the result of an explosion of some of the chemicals in the room. There was considerable damage done to the fixtures in the room.

A BABY BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ausenhuss, of Chloride, a baby boy, weight 6½ pounds. They have named the little fellow Nolan Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Ausenhuss are now at San Diego and will be home about September 1.

TAX RATE FIXED FOR COMING YEAR

Owing to the fact that the tax rate as fixed by the state tax commission is 21 cents in excess of that of last year, and the fact that Mohave County funds were badly depleted by the epidemic of influenza last winter, the tax rate for state and county purposes will be approximately 39 cents above that levied last year. While this is not a large lift it will be felt by the larger taxpayers. Mohave county will have a taxroll of about \$1,200,000 in excess of that of last year, but will have all kinds of new expense to meet.

One of the important matters that will have to be provided for in the tax levy is an adequate fund for road upkeep expense. This year there has not been a dollar for meeting the extraordinary expense of washouts and other expenses of road building and repair. Since the first of July there has been a large amount of disruption to the roads, especially those to the east and south of Kingman. Culverts have been carried out in places that have entailed heavy fills and the main highways have been cut and rutted to an extent that has required the haulage of surfacing material to give them greater permanency. All this expense will have to be met in a way by the present levy.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Gillispie returned this week from a ten days vacation in Los Angeles and other coast points. While in the city Mr. Gillispie took a trip in an airplane. He says that mode of travel is second only to riding over Mohave County in a Ford.

ATTENDS ROAD CONVENTION THIS WEEK AT DURANGO

Last Monday L. H. Foster was delegated by the board of supervisors to attend the session of the National Old Trails Road, which is being held at Durango, Colorado. He departed the same evening for Colorado, carrying the proxy of Anson H. Smith, who is vice president of the organization. The National Old Trails Road, of which Judge J. M. Lowe, of Kansas City, Mo., is president, is the one highway organization in the United States that can point to the building of a big mileage of roads across the continent. This road starts from Washington and has a macadamized road into Indiana and a hard-surfaced road through parts of the other states. It has the only really useable road across the continent, the road passing through northern Arizona and following the line of the Santa Fe. Western Colorado wishes to connect up with this highway and will be a great aid in the further building and boosting of the road. A good highway may be brought in from Durango by way of Farmington, New Mexico, through Gallup and west. This line of road would be largely used in the summer months and would cut off the hot dusty roads through which Albuquerqueans route the west bound traveler on all occasions.

Farmington and Durango are striving hard to have this section of the roadway accepted by the Old Trails as a part of the route across the continent. The constitution of the organization requires the routing by way of Albuquerque and along the Santa Fe railroad by way of Gallup, and this would in a way be the more feasible route, but if the opposition to the routing continues at Albuquerque it is more than probable that a new route through New Mexico will be selected. Colorado has wonderful scenery and a main highway across that state and into northern New Mexico and Arizona would be of great importance. But the main feature of the meeting of the Old Trails at Durango is to congregate sentiment for the early building of the roadway by the government and the locating of the route approximately along the lines laid down by this organization.

PROSPERITY HERE IN MOHAVE COUNTY

That Mohave county should be and is prosperous is evidenced by the fact that there is not an idle man here who has desire for work. More mines are now in development stage than at any other time in the history of this part of the state. This is especially so in the silver bearing sections of the county, and the opinion prevails that silver will be the thing that eventually will bring the county into the front rank of the big mineral producers. Mohave county has many of the most ideal silver mining camps of the Pacific coast and with the upward trend of the white metal should soon be in the limelight. White Hills, while kept from production by litigation, is sure to soon be let to leasers or optioned to a syndicate of big fellows to operate. These mines are rich in silver and the workings are shallow, giving strength to the belief that they will yield largely at depth. Some of the mines in the northern part of the camp are in the granite and have straightened up from the anticlinal dip that they show on the surface and at the contact these veins have shown excellent values. Now is the time to bring them in.

Every other camp along the Cerbat range is showing revival of silver mining interest and the Wallapais are also awakening from her long sleep. These two ranges have wonderful possibilities and it is to be hoped that some of the larger veins will soon be in process of development. Silver has been going upward the past ten days and now stands above \$1.13.

GONE TO CEDAR

R. C. Jacobson and wife departed by automobile to Cedar, where Mr. Jacobson and associates are operating the Carr properties. The trip was made by the way of the Big Sandy and over the first road built into the mining camp of Cedar.

Rev. Thos. Dodd returned this week after a vacation trip to the coast.